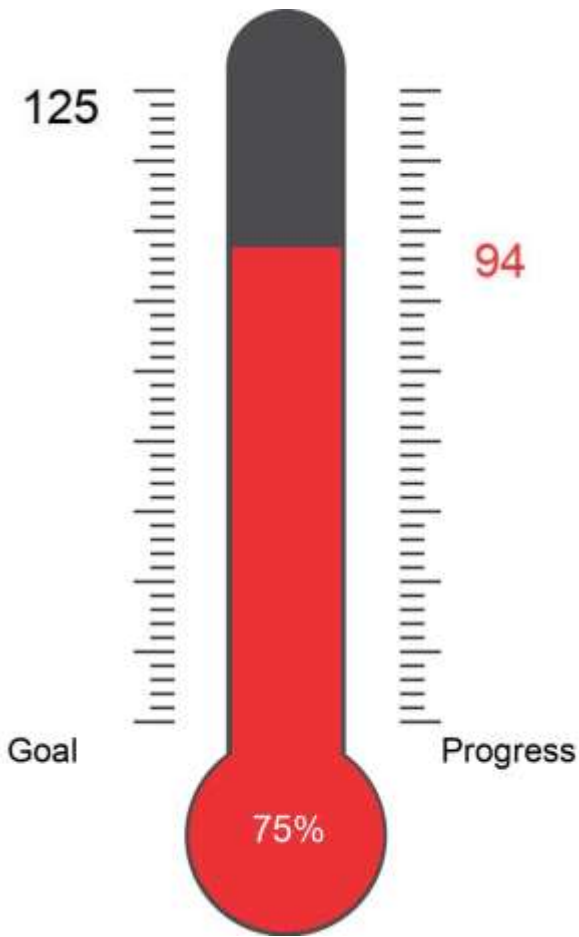


# St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

## PUSH TO STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Let's work together! Our Push Goal is to have **125 Stewards** Pledged by **March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal for the year is 190. Let us start the year off right with a solid push!

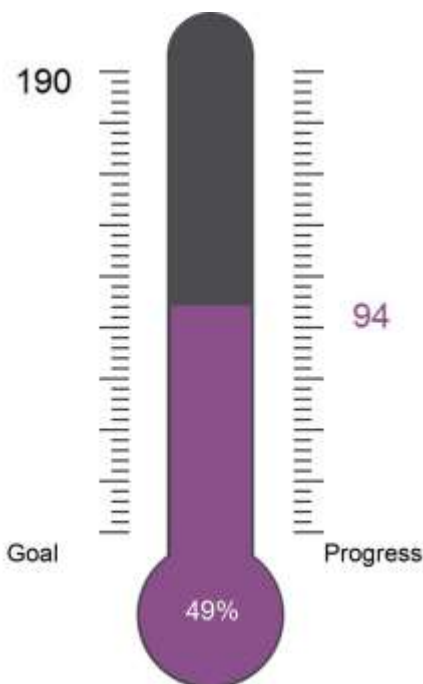


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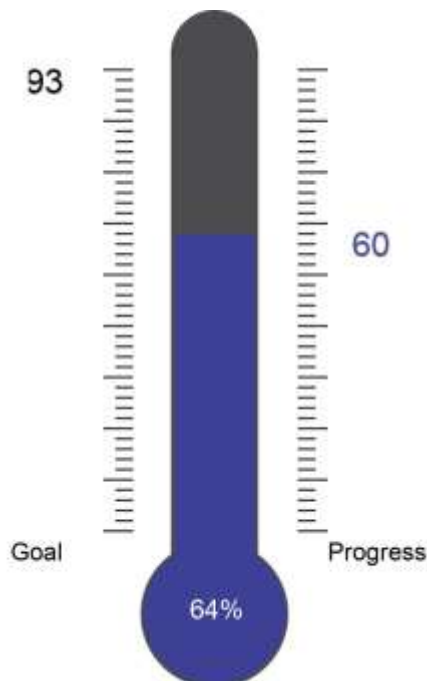
Current 94 Stewards

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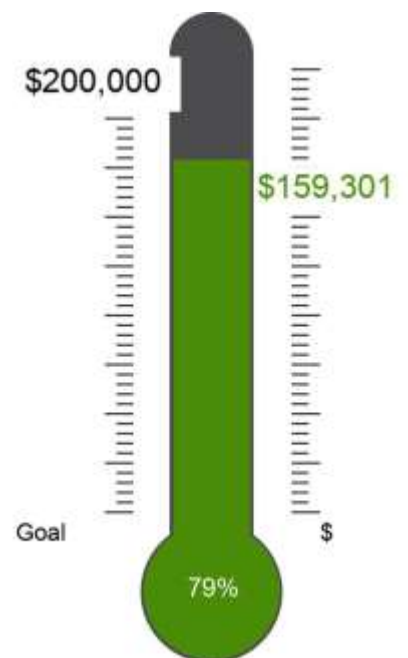
### STEWARDS



### MINISTRY PARTICIPATION



### PLEDGED STEWARDSHIP



As of February 26, 2022

This year, the Stewardship Committee has set an additional challenge to our Stewards for the 2021 Year. We challenge each Steward to become a member of at least one Ministry of our Parish. With so many to choose from, this should be an easy task! If you want to volunteer, we have philanthropy ministries. If you want to get involved in the life of the Church, we have ministries for that too! Even during COVID-19 there are so many things to do! Join us in making our parish more complete by your presence!

## Stewardship Appreciation Sunday!



In normal years, as a thank you to our Stewards who make the Ministries of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church possible, the Stewardship Committee would offer a delicious Luncheon. This year, each pledged steward will receive a personal card from Fr. Dimitri & Presavytera Mary to thank you for your generosity.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

# Join us at 8:15 a.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup> for Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)

You can watch our services by clicking on any of the links to our Live Stream. Please subscribe for regular update



We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

## Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)
- ◇ The Holy Martyred Bishops of Cherson:  
Basileus, Ephraim, Eugene, Capito, Aetherius,  
Agathodorus, and Elpidius
- ◇ Lavrentios of Megara, the Righteous
- ◇ Paul the Simple

He indicates the dispositions of each, calling the one kids, the other sheep, that He might indicate the unfruitfulness of the one, for no fruit will come from kids; and the great profit from the other, for indeed from sheep great is the profit, as well from the milk, as from the wool, and from the young, of all which things the kid is destitute.

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily on Matt. XXV, 4th Century*

For when one has pity on the poor, he lends to God; and he who gives to the least gives to God--sacrifices spiritually to God an odour of a sweet smell.

**St. Cyprian of Carthage**

*The Lord's Prayer, 33. B#41, p.102, 3rd century  
poor, sacrifice, giving*

## Narthex Duty:

**Welcoming Ministry:** NA during Covid

**Orthros Reader:** NA during Covid

**Memorial:**

## Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast

commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday..



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## March

**Fridays During Great Lent:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are  
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)



# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

Plagal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος πλ. β'

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## Apolytikion for the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Kontakion

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

## Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος α'

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύονται, τότε ρῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξιώσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, Κριτὰ δικαιοτάτε.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

**St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2**

**Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 8:8-13, 9:1-2 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Ἀδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐκ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γάρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῇ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἁμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἁμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐκ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμι ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἑώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.





## ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 25:31-46  
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

**The Gospel According to  
Matthew 25:31-46**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἅγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ εὐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἦμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρὸς με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρὸς σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ εὐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενής καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμεν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

# **DONATIONS for GREAT LENT & PASCHAL SEASON 2021**

## **GREAT LENT:**

Flowers for Icon of the Panagia on Fridays

1<sup>st</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - \$75

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Akathist Hymn/Ακάθιστος Ύμνος - \$100

- ♦ Flowers for Stavroproskyniseos (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) - \$300
- ♦ Bottles or Cases of Nama Wine
- ♦ Incense for Great Lent - \$250
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday - \$50
- ♦ Palms & Daphne for Palm Sunday - \$750



## **HOLY WEEK:**

- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Nymphios - \$75
- ♦ Extra Virgin Olive Oil for Holy Unction
- ♦ Flour for Holy Unction
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- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Mystical Supper - \$75
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion - \$75
- ♦ Candles for the Holy Cross – \$50
- ♦ 12 Candles for the Twelve Holy Gospels - \$80
- ♦ Stefani-Stavromenon (Flowered Wreath) Holy Thursday - \$150
- ♦ White Sheet for Body of Christ - 1 queen flat needed
- ♦ Flowers for Decorating the Epitafios - \$800
- ♦ Epitafios Roses for the Faithful - \$900
- ♦ Rose Water & Rose Petals Holy Friday - \$100
- ♦ Rose Petals for Holy Saturday Morning - \$200
- ♦ Clergy Resurrection/Anastasi Candle – \$250
- ♦ Flowers for Icons of the Resurrection - \$75 each (2 needed)

## **GREAT & HOLY PASCHA (5.02.21):**

- ♦ Paschal Easter Lilies for Anastasi – \$25 each (20 needed)
- ♦ Eggs for Holy Pascha - \$300
- ♦ Tulle & Ribbon for Paschal Eggs - \$100

*Note: Please specify exact item with your donation. THANK YOU for your love & support! Βοήθειά σας!*

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# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 21st</b>		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 28th</b>		<b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>MARCH 7th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		<b>The Last Judgement</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>MARCH 14th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 21st</b>		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 28th</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 4th</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHAI</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 11th</b>		<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 18th</b>		<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 25th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 30th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>MAY 2nd</b> NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

# *Lenten Services*



## GREAT COMPLINE

Mondays: 6:00 p.m.

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12



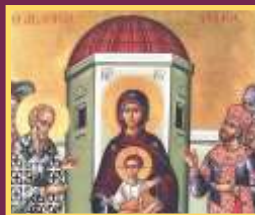
## LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

March 17, 31 & April 7, 14

Fridays 6:30 a.m.

March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16



## SALUTATIONS TO THEOTOKOS

## THE (THE AKATHIST HYMN)

Fridays 6:00 p.m.

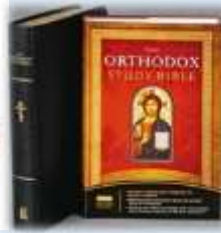
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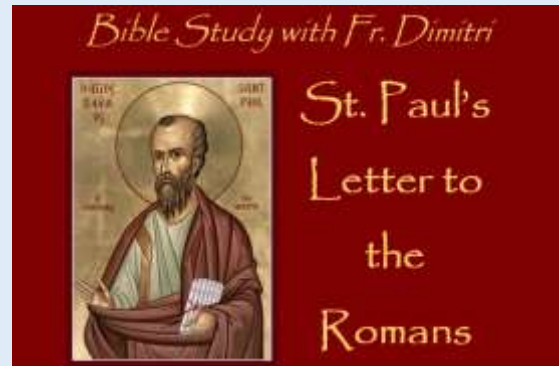


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# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

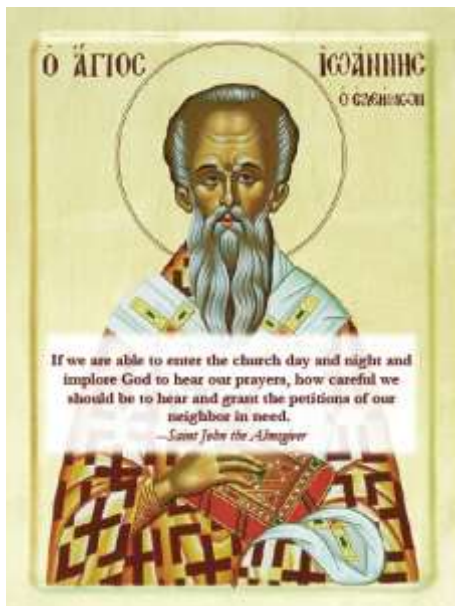
- **Sunday, March 7, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Judgement Sunday**
  - Tuesday, March 9, 7:00pm - Philoptochos Mtg
  - Wednesday, March 10, 5:30pm - Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary
  - Wednesday, March 10, 6:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class
- Saturday March 13, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Cheesefare Saturday
- **Sunday, March 14, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Forgiveness Sunday**
  - Monday, March 15, 6:00pm - Great Compline - Clean Monday
  - Tuesday, March 16, 10:00am - Bible Study
  - Wednesday, March 17, 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
  - Wednesday, March 17, 6:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class
- Friday, March 19, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
  - Friday, March 19, 6:00pm - Salutations to Theotokos
- Saturday March 20, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for First Saturday of Lent:  
The Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva wrought by St. Theodore the Tyro

## Parish News and Events

### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2020?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**IMPORTANT:** Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> First Day of Women's History Month Parish Council 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls
<b>7</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting Philoptochos Mtg 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>13</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Cheese-fare Saturday
<b>14</b> 8:15 am Daylight Saving Time starts Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Forgiveness Sunday	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline - Clean Monday	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm St. Patrick's Day Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	<b>20</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for First Saturday of Lent: The Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva wrought by St. Theodore the Tyro
<b>21</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday Of Orthodoxy	<b>22</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm Great Vespers of the Annunciation 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy for The Annunciation 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation (Chicago)	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Salutations to Theotokos	<b>27</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy Second Saturday of Lent
<b>28</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	<b>29</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>31</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm			

## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

### VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil  
94 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged  
\$159,301. 00

Dollar Amount Collected  
\$45,088.00

Average Pledge  
\$1712.91

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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